Kurisu's Guide to the Science Adventure Series

Version 2

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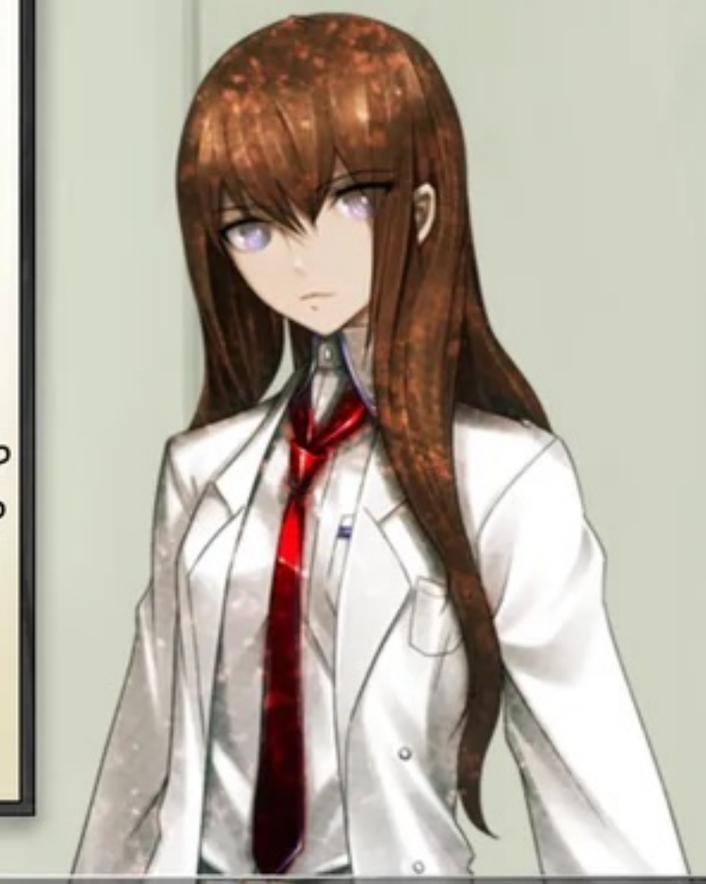
Ran out of Steins;Gate content and need something to satisfy you?
Want more sci-fi adventures set in the same universe as Steins;Gate?
Do you enjoy seeing references and callbacks to your favorite stories?
Just want another amazing experience?

If you answered yes, this guide is for you!



Hello everyone, and welcome to my presentation on the Science Adventure series, also known as SciADV!

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Science Adventure is a multimedia franchise of many interconnected stories. These stories also tend to have an emphasis on conspiracy, with one typically ending up as the primary threat of the story.

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Main Series Entries

Chaos;Head NoAH

Steins;Gate

Robotics;Notes

Chaos;Child

Occultic;Nine

Anonymous;Code

Relevant Side Entries

Chaos;Head
Love Chu Chu!

Steins;Gate 0

Chaos;Child
Love Chu Chu!!

Robotics;Notes
DaSH

There are currently six main entries in the Science Adventure series, as well as four side entries that have lasting effects on the overarching universe. There are more entries beyond those shown above, but they have a much smaller effect and are not as important to the story.

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Interconnectivity

Received mail
7/29 17:13
Mayuri
I don't think so
I haven't heard anything about them since before the big earthquake in Shibuya last year. And even if I found one,Mayushii has no money... (*´∀｀)

Steins;Gate references events from Chaos;Head

Daru from Steins;Gate returns in Robotics;Notes DaSH

Ayase from Chaos;Head cameos in the background of Steins;Gate

Bigger, story-important links exist, however the specifics are omitted from this presentation due to spoilers. Find them for yourself!

At face value, these entries appear to be unrelated. However, each entry comes together to form an interconnected story, much like the Marvel Cinematic Universe. This might not be obvious in earlier entries, but starting from Robotics;Notes, the interconnectivity becomes vital to nearly every main storyline.

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Interconnectivity

A frequent mistake is to treat the other SciADV entries as direct sequels or prequels.

Don't think like this:

Chaos;Head is part of the Steins;Gate series.

Robotics;Notes is a sequel to Steins;Gate.

Think more like this:

Chaos;Head and Robotics;Notes are part of the Science Adventure series, which also includes Steins;Gate.

Steins;Gate is only one small part of the overarching story. Do not treat Steins;Gate as the "centerpiece" of the Science Adventure series.

Many Steins;Gate onlies who delve into the rest of the series go in with the expectation that the other entries are going to act as Steins;Gate prequels and sequels. People who think this way tend to end up disappointed when the stories go a different path. I recommend you avoid this way of thinking, and instead to go in expecting something similar but not exactly the same.

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Visual Novel vs Anime

Outside of Steins;Gate, Science Adventure anime adaptations have numerous issues regarding pacing, characterization, and poorly explained plot threads, among other issues.
You must read the visual novels to properly experience the series.

Steins;Gate's anime, while still being able to tell a great story, will make onward continuation more difficult due to the cutting of major connections between it and the overarching story.
As such, the VN is still recommended over the anime.

The best way to experience SciADV is through the visual novels. While nearly every SciADV entry has an anime, these adaptations outside of Steins;Gate have numerous problems. There are two exceptions where the anime is recommended in some form: Steins;Gate 0 and Occultic;Nine. The reasons as for why are rather circumstantial, so I will elaborate later.

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Fan Patching

The Committee of Zero patches do the following:

- Fix glitches/bugs
- Keeps terminology consistent between entries
- Translates images originally left in Japanese
- Fixes mistranslations and typos
- Changes the font to be more readable

Unpatched	Patched
Big Sis Geji	SisterCentipede
Sister Centipede	Sister Centipede
Geji-ne	Sister Centipede
I'm nocturnal~ so I usu ally don't go to bed un til the sun comes up. I t's not so bad once you get used to it. Mail m e when you wake up~ oka y?♪ Moeka	I'm nocturnal, so I usually don't go to bed until the sun comes up. It's not so bad once you get used to it. Mail me when you wake up, okay?♪ Moeka

Get the patches at sonome.dareno.me

The English releases for SciADV entries are known to be problematic, having issues such as inconsistent terminology between entries, mistranslations, and bugs. As such, it is recommended to use the translation patches by the fan group Committee of Zero. Consistent terminology is very important to fully understand the series.

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Template: Name of Entry (Release Year)

Required: *Context that you need to fully understand the main storyline.*
Recommended: *Context that helps you understand smaller, less-important references to other entries within the SciADV universe.*
Sci-Fi Genre: *What science fiction elements are focused on.*
Storytelling Genre: *What types of events are prioritized by the story (e.g: Horror, Thriller, Slice of Life, etc).*
Guide: *If and when you need to use a guide to unlock routes or finish the game.*
How to Play: *Platforms on which the game is available. Platforms marked with * are compatible with the Committee of Zero patch. Platforms marked with ^ can apply the patch on a modified console.*

This is the template that I will be using to help describe the details regarding each entry. Keep in mind the "Required" entries if you intend to go outside of release order.

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Chaos;Head NoAH (2009)

Required: *N/A*
Recommended: *N/A*
Sci-Fi Genre: *Reality & Perception*
Storytelling Genre: *Murder Mystery, Psychological Thriller*
Guide: *Use after your first playthrough*
How to Play: *Steam*, GOG*, Switch^*

Additional Info: *Chaos;Head NoAH is a rerelease that adds character routes.*

The official translation censors key scenes, which can be restored with the CoZ patch.

Chaos;Head is the first and most important entry, laying down the foundation of the series. In Chaos;Head, Nishijou Takumi is a reclusive high schooler who finds himself entangled in a set of bizarre, gruesome serial killings dubbed as the New Generation Madness. As more and more killings occur, Takumi begins to feel like he's the killer's primary target.

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Steins;Gate (2010)

Required: *N/A*
Recommended: *Chaos;Head*
Sci-Fi Genre: *Time Travel*
Storytelling Genre: *Psychological Thriller*
Guide: *No common consensus on when to use, but you will need it to finish the game*
How to Play: *Steam*, iOS, Android, Switch, PS3, PS4*

Additional Info: *Steins;Gate Elite is widely considered inferior to Steins;Gate due to cut content and interactivity.*

Steins;Gate is the series' most famous entry. In Steins;Gate, college student Okabe Rintaro finds that one of his inventions has the unintended side effect of being able to send messages back in time, with the ability to change the present and future. However, this invention appears to have attracted the attention of people with more nefarious intentions.

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Chaos;Head: Love Chu Chu! (2010)

Required: *Chaos;Head NoAH*
Recommended: *Steins;Gate*
Sci-Fi Genre: *Reality & Perception*
Storytelling Genre: *Romantic Comedy*
Guide: *Use after first playthrough*
How to Play: *No official translation, Committee of Zero translation coming soon.*

Released as a follow-up to Chaos;Head NoAH, Chaos;Head: Love Chu Chu! is canon and set immediately after the events of Chaos;Head NoAH. In Chaos;Head: Love Chu Chu!, Takumi begins to open up and spend more time with the girls in his life.

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Robotics;Notes (2012)

Required: *Chaos;Head, Steins;Gate*
Recommended: *N/A*
Sci-Fi Genre: *Robotics & AI*
Storytelling Genre: *Slice of Life, Thriller*
Guide: *Use starting Phase 4*
How to Play: *Steam*, Switch, PS4*

Additional Info: *Robotics;Notes Elite, unlike Steins;Gate Elite, is considered an overall improvement. It is the only version available in English.*

In Robotics;Notes, gamer Yashio Kaito and his childhood friend Akiho are trying to save their high school's robotics club from being disbanded. As Akiho tries to achieve the club's goal of building a giant robot, Kaito beings to uncover a series of documents with potentially world-threatening ramifications.

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Chaos;Child (2014)

Required: *Chaos;Head*
Recommended: *Steins;Gate, Robotics;Notes*
Sci-Fi Genre: *Reality & Perception*
Storytelling Genre: *Murder Mystery, Psychological Thriller*
Guide: *Use after your first playthrough*
How to Play: *Steam*, GOG*, Switch, PS4, PS Vita*

Six years after the events of Chaos;Head, a new series of killings begins occuring around Shibuya. High schooler Miyashiro Takuru, an avid follower of the original New Generation killings, sets out to investigate and solve these killings before the police can. However, he soon finds that he has become much more involved than he planned.

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Steins;Gate 0 (2015)

Required: *Steins;Gate*
Recommended: *Chaos;Child, Robotics;Notes*
Sci-Fi Genre: *Time Travel & AI*
Storytelling Genre: *Psychological Thriller*
Guide: *Use from the start*
How to Play: *Steam*, Switch, PS4, PS Vita*

Additional Info: *The Steins;Gate 0 anime is actually a continuation of the Steins;Gate 0 visual novel. Read the VN, then watch the anime for the full story.*

In Steins;Gate 0, Okabe fails to achieve the outcome that we see at the end of Steins;Gate. As a result, Okabe gives up, believing that the rules of time travel will make this outcome impossible. Others urge him to continue, but Okabe constantly refuses. Meanwhile, Okabe's inaction causes the world to inch towards a new threat in the near future.

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Chaos;Child: Love Chu Chu!! (2017)

Required: *Chaos;Child*
Recommended: *N/A*
Sci-Fi Genre: *Reality & Perception*
Storytelling Genre: *Romantic Comedy*
Guide: *Use after first playthrough*
How to Play: *No official translation, Committee of Zero translation coming soon.*

Chaos;Child: Love Chu Chu!!, like Chaos;Head: Love Chu Chu!, is a direct sequel to Chaos;Child and is also a romantic comedy. In Chaos;Child: Love Chu Chu!!, the killings all end non-fatally, leaving Takuru to abandon his interest in them and instead spend time with the girls in his life.

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Occultic;Nine (2014—2017)

Required: *N/A*
Recommended: *Steins;Gate*
Sci-Fi Genre: *Supernatural Phenomena*
Storytelling Genre: *Mystery, Thriller*
Guide: *N/A*
How to Play: *Light Novel (incomplete), Manga, or Anime*

Additional Info: *The source material is a light novel, which is incomplete. The visual novel adapts the light novel but is untranslated. The manga and anime adaptations have proper endings.*

In Occultic;Nine, high schooler Gamon Yuta runs a blog called Kiri Kiri Basara, which aims to ridicule "paranormal events". This blog connects nine people who find themselves in the middle of a seemingly supernatural event that will change their reality forever.

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Robotics;Notes DaSH (2019)

Required: *Chaos;Head, Steins;Gate, Robotics;Notes*
Recommended: *Chaos;Child, Steins;Gate 0*
Sci-Fi Genre: *Robotics & AI*
Storytelling Genre: *Comedy, Thriller*
Guide: *Use after common route*
How to Play: *Steam*, Switch*

Additional Info: *While it promotes itself as a serious, S;G0-esque sequel, it is actually much less serious, being closer in tone to the Love Chu Chu entries.*

Robotics;Notes DaSH is a sequel to Robotics;Notes, set half a year later. The island is throwing the Tanegashima Gun Festival when Daru from Steins;Gate arrives on the island, seemingly to carry out some kind of secret mission.

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Anonymous;Code (2022)

Required: *Chaos;Head NoAH, Steins;Gate, Steins;Gate 0*
Recommended: *Every previous entry (including Occultic;Nine)*
Sci-Fi Genre: *Hacking and Coding*
Storytelling Genre: *Thriller*
Guide: *None required*
How to Play: *Steam*, Switch*

Additional Information: *At the time of this presentation, Anonymous;Code has yet to be released in English. It will be released on September 8, 2023.*

Anonymous;Code is the most recent release of the Science Adventure series. Takaoka Pollon is a rookie hacker who wants to make enough money to leave the hacking industry. However, his plans change when he meets a mysterious girl who seems to be on the run from the military and higher powers.

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Steins;??? (TBA)

Potential Relevance: *Steins;Gate, Steins;Gate 0, Robotics;Notes, Robotics;Notes DaSH, Anonymous;Code*
Sci-Fi Genre: *Time Travel*
(Everything else TBA)

Additional Info:
Steins;??? is a working title and not final. It will gain a proper title closer to release.

Steins;??? is a thematic sequel to Steins;Gate, in the same way that Chaos;Child is a thematic sequel to Chaos;Head. It will have an all-new cast, but will use Steins;Gate as a base to build its story and mechanics. Not much more is known about this entry, and the title has still not been confirmed.

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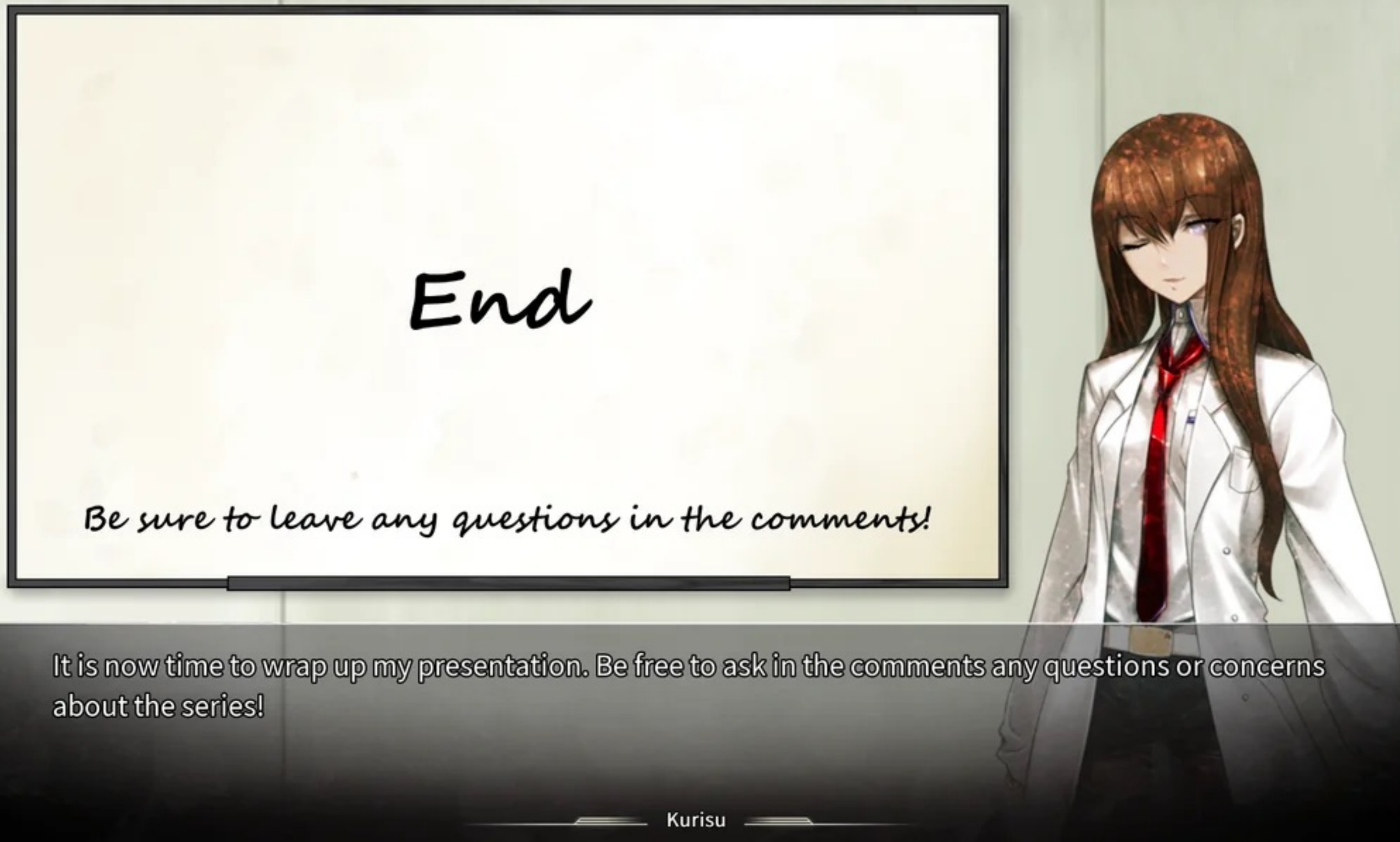
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Be sure to leave any questions in the comments!
It is now time to wrap up my presentation. Be free to ask in the comments any questions or concerns about the series!
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